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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5253

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, AMED, APER, TZ

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN KENYA AND  
TANZANIA

REF: NAIROBI 6945

1. KENYA GOVERNMENT HAS SUSPENDED ALL SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE BETWEEN NAIROBI AND DAR ES SALAAM (REFTEL). WE ARE DEPENDENT ON NAIROBI FOR MEDICAL SERVICES, AIRLINE INTERCHANGE POINT, ETC. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST DEPT ASAP INSTRUCT EMBASSY NAIROBI TO REQUEST ON BEHALF OF USG FROM KENYA GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS TO PROVIDE SERVICE BETWEEN DAR ES SALAAM AND NAIROBI IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

A. MEDICAL. NAIROBI IS NEAREST POINT TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR ADEQUATE MEDICAL SERVICE SHORT OF JOHANNESBURG OR FRANKFURT. PERMIT USG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS (USING DIPLOMATIC, OFFICIAL AND REGULAR PASSPORTS) TO TRAVEL BETWEEN DAR ES SALAAM AND NAIROBI FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

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(MRS. DAVID HALSTED, DEPENDENT OF EMB OFF, NOW IN NAIROBI ON MEDEVAC ORDERS AWAITING KENYA GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO RETURN DAR.)

B. DIPLOMATIC COURIER. ALLOW US COURIER OPERATIONS. (COURIER SERVICE ALREADY INTERRUPTED BY KENYA GOVERNMENT ACTION AS NOTED FRANKFURT 4267 AND DAR ES SALAAM 2301.)

C. DIPLOMATIC POUCHES AND OTHER CARGO. WE DEPEND ON NAIROBI FOR SUPPLIES AND AS INTERCHANGE POINT FOR MAIL AND OTHER NECESSARY CARGO. ALLOW FREE MOVEMENT OF POUCHES AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC CARGO. (EMBASSY NAIROBI INFORMED US THAT KENYA GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 3 REFUSED LOADING OF CARGO ON PAN AM 184 MANIFESTED TO US EMBASSY DAR.)

D. TRANSIT. ALLOW USG EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS TO LEAVE NAIROBI AIRPORT WHILE THEY ARE AWAITING ONWARD FLIGHT CONNECTIONS.

2. REQUEST DEPT TO CHANGE DAR ES SALAAM R&R POINT FROM ATHENS TO LONDON. THERE ARE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN HERE AND ATHENS. LONDON IS THE CITY IN EUROPE WITH WHICH DAR IS CONNECTED BY LARGEST NUMBER OF DIRECT FLIGHTS, AVOIDING NAIROBI CONNECTION PROBLEM.

3. ATHENS ALSO NO LONGER PRACTICAL INTERCHANGE POINT WITH US FLAG CARRIER FOR ONWARD JOURNEYS TO US. WE THEREFORE NOW ROUTING USG TRAVELLERS FROM DAR TO NEAREST EUROPEAN INTERCHANGE POINT WHERE WE CAN GET CONFIRMED ONWARD FLIGHTS TO US ON US FLAG CARRIERS.  
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